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**Additional Information and Where to Find It**

Oxy will file a Form S-4, Vintage will file a proxy statement and both companies will file other relevant documents concerning the proposed merger transaction with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). INVESTORS ARE URGED TO READ THE FORM S-4 AND PROXY STATEMENT WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS FILED WITH THE SEC BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION. You will be able to obtain the documents free of charge at the website maintained by the SEC at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). In addition, you may obtain documents filed with the SEC by Oxy free of charge by contacting Christel Pauli, Counsel and Assistant Secretary, Occidental Petroleum Corporation, at 10889 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, California 90024. The documents will also be available online at [www.oxy.com](http://www.oxy.com).

**Participants in Solicitation**

Oxy, Vintage and their respective directors and executive officers may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from Vintage shareholders in connection with the merger. Information about the directors and executive officers of Oxy and their ownership of Oxy stock is set forth in the proxy statement for Oxy's 2005 Annual Meeting of Shareholders. Information about the directors and executive officers of Vintage and their ownership of Vintage stock is set forth in the proxy statement for Vintage's 2005 Annual Meeting of Shareholders. Investors may obtain additional information regarding the interests of such participants by reading the Form S-4 and proxy statement for the merger when they become available.

Investors should read the Form S-4 and proxy statement carefully when they become available before making any voting or investment decisions.



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### **Forward-Looking Statements**

The matters set forth in this Presentation, including statements as to the expected benefits of the acquisition such as efficiencies, cost savings, financial strength, and the competitive ability and position of the combined company, and other statements identified by such words as "will," "estimates," "expects," "hopes," "projects," "plans," and similar expressions are forward-looking statements within the meaning of the "safe harbor" provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties that could significantly affect expected results, including a delay in or failure to obtain required approvals, the possibility that the anticipated benefits from the acquisition cannot be fully realized, the possibility that costs or difficulties related to the integration will be greater than expected, the ability to manage regulatory, tax and legal matters, including changes in tax rates, the impact of competition, and other risk factors related to our industries as detailed in each of Oxy's and Vintage's reports filed with the SEC. You should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date of this Presentation. Unless legally required, Oxy undertakes no obligation to update publicly any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. Actual results may differ from those set forth in or implied by the forward-looking statements.

The SEC limits the ability of oil and natural gas companies, in their filings with the SEC, to disclose reserves other than proved reserves demonstrated by actual production or conclusive formation tests to be economically producible under existing economic and operating conditions. We use certain terms in this Presentation, such as probable, possible and recoverable reserves, that the SEC's guidelines limit in filings with the SEC.

Information contained in this Presentation regarding Vintage's production, reserves, results, assets and other information has been taken from Vintage's public filings with the SEC. Oxy makes no representation with respect to the accuracy of this information.



*Occidental Petroleum Corporation*

**Occidental Oil & Gas Corporation**

**4th largest U.S. oil and gas  
company based on market  
capitalization**

**Occidental Chemical Corporation**

**One the world's largest  
manufacturers of basic  
chemicals, vinyls and specialty  
chemicals.**

**Occidental Energy Marketing, Inc.**

**One of the Top 30 oil and natural  
gas marketers in North America**

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Equity Market Capitalization ~\$30 billion as of 10/17/05

Proven Reserves of 2.5 billion barrels oil equivalent (12/31/04)

2004 Results: WTI = \$41.40 per bbl

Net Income \$2.6 billion

Cash From Operations \$3.9 billion

Return on Equity 27.8%

Return on Capital Employed 20.2%

Total Shareholder Return 41.1%

*What's Been Oxy Strategy:*

Focused Operations

Focused Value Creation

Disciplined Financial Philosophy

*Focused Value Creation Strategy*

Maintain Strong Balance Sheet

Disciplined Capital Expenditure Program

Selective Acquisitions

Moderate Predictable Reserve/Production  
Growth

Review Dividend Policy Annually

Focus on large, legacy oil  
and gas assets in U.S., Middle  
East and Latin America

Harvest cash for reinvestment

Maintain strong balance sheet

**Oil and Gas**

**Chemicals**

**Balance Sheet**

***Breakdown of Corporate Strategy***

*Chemical Strategy/Highlights*

Generate Cash Flow In Excess of  
Capital Expenditures Through the  
Business Cycle

*Primary Mission of  
Oxy s Chemicals Business*

Generated Nearly \$3 Billion of Cash Flow After Capital  
During the Last 10 Years

Generated Over \$500 Million of Cash Flow After Capital  
in 2004

*Oil & Gas Business Strategy*

Exploration

Enhanced Oil Recovery

Acquisitions

Create value throughout the oil & gas business cycle through:

*Worldwide Operations*

Long Beach

Permian Basin

Horn Mountain

Hugoton

Elk Hills

Colombia

Ecuador

Libya

Russia

Pakistan

Oman

U.A.E.

Yemen

Qatar

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*Worldwide Production*

**2001**

**2002**

**2003**

**2004**

**2005 Exit**

**515**

**476**

**566**

**600**

**547**

*Thousand BOE/Day*

**U.S.**

**Middle East**

**Latin America**

**Other**

**315**

**326**

**344**

**338**

**88**

**93**

**93**

**100**

**79**

**55**

**48**

**31**

**42**

**48**

**55**

**49**

12

*Finding & Development Costs*

**BP**

**OXY**

**XOM**

**CHV**

**KMG**

**BR**

**UCL**

**APA**

**APC**

**COP**

**DVN**

**AHC**

**5.00**

**5.42**

**5.71**

**6.77**

**6.95**

**7.00**

**8.20**

**8.58**

**15.99**

**9.72**

**9.35**

**17.18**

**6.05**

*3-Year Average*

*2002-2004*

**MRO**

Data Source: Merrill Lynch Equity Research

*Total Shareholder Return*

*(Percent)*

31

11

41

14

11

140

**S&P 500 Index**

5

15

**Dow Jones**

**S&P 500 Oil & Gas Index**

**Oxy**

2004

2002 - 2004

Data Source: Bloomberg

14

20

*Return On Capital Employed*

*(Percent)*

15

15

11

15

12

11

9

2004

2002 - 2004

2000 - 2004

1995 - 2004

S&P 500

Oil & Gas Index

Oxy

Data Source: Bloomberg

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*2004 Safety Performance  
Illness & Injury Rates*

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